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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20-23 without prejudice.

- 10. The method of claim 15, wherein the deprotecting step comprises exposing the fraction in step (b) to a protecting group removal agent.
- 11. The method of claim 15, wherein the deprotecting step comprises exposing said fraction to an energy source.